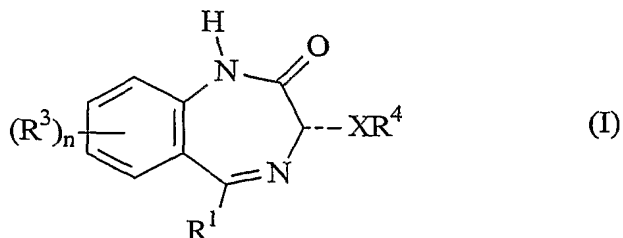


CLAIMS

1. A process for producing a compound which is a benzodiazepine derivative of formula (I):



wherein:

----- represents — or ;

R¹ represents C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

- 10 each R³ is the same or different and represents halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino, nitro, cyano, -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -NH-CO-R', -S(O)R', -S(O)₂R', -NH-S(O)₂R', -S(O)NR'R'' or -S(O)₂NR'R'', wherein each R' and R'' is the same or different and represents hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

- 15 n is from 0 to 3;

X represents -NH-, -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, -CO-, -CO-NR', -S(O)- or -S(O)₂-, wherein R' is hydrogen or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group; and

- R⁴ represents hydrogen; or -CO-R^{4'} or -CO-NH-R^{4'}, wherein R^{4'} is a C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ hydroxyalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl group, which group is substituted by a C₁₋₆ hydroxyalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl group or a -(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-X₁-(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-X₂-(C₁₋₄ alkyl) group, wherein X₁ represents -O-, -S- or -NR', wherein R' represents H or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group and X₂ represents -CO-, -SO- or -SO₂-; or R^{4'} represents -A₁-Y-A₂, wherein:
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A₁ is an aryl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl group;

- 25 Y represents a direct bond or a C₁₋₄ alkylene, -SO₂-, -CO-, -O-, -S or -NR', wherein R' is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group; and

A₂ is an aryl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl group;

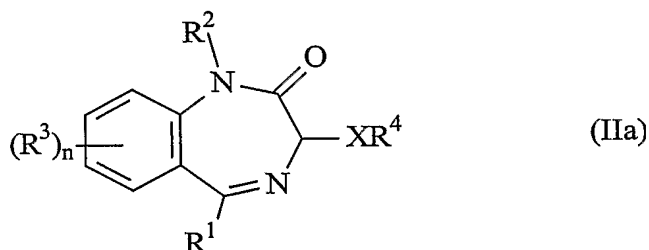
or R^4 is a group selected from aryl-C(O)-C(O)-, heteroaryl-C(O)-C(O)-, carbocyclyl-C(O)-C(O)-, heterocyclyl-C(O)-C(O)- and $-ZR^5$, wherein:

Z represents -CO-, -S(O)- or -S(O)₂-; and

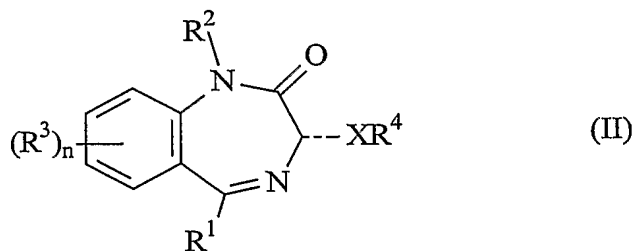
R^5 represents C₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, heteroaryl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, carbocyclyl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, heterocyclyl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, aryl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-O-, heteroaryl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-O-, carbocyclyl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-O-, heterocyclyl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-O- or -NR'R'' wherein each R' and R'' is the same or different and represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, heteroaryl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, carbocyclyl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)- or heterocyclyl-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; which process comprises:

(a) subjecting a racemic benzodiazepine derivative of formula (IIa):



wherein R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , n and X are as defined above, and R^2 represents an amino protecting group, to crystallisation induced dynamic resolution to yield a benzodiazepine derivative of formula (II):



wherein -----, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , n and X are as defined above; and

(b) deprotecting the benzodiazepine derivative of formula (II) as defined above to yield a benzodiazepine derivative of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof as defined above.

2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the amino protecting group is a group $-(CH_2)_m-R'$, wherein m is 0 or an integer of from 1 to 3 and R' is a group -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl), -C(O)O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl), -OC(O)-(C₁-C₆ alkyl), aryl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl.

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3. A process according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the moiety ----- XR^4 in formula (II) is sensitive to the conditions of deprotection of step (b), which process further comprises, prior to the deprotection step (b), converting the said moiety ----- XR^4 into another moiety of formula ----- XR^4 which is not sensitive to the conditions of deprotection.

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4. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, which process further comprises:

(c) converting the moiety ----- XR^4 in the benzodiazepine derivative of formula (I),

15 which moiety is not sensitive to the conditions of deprotection used in the preceding step (b), into another moiety ----- XR^4 which is either insensitive or sensitive to the conditions of deprotection used in step (b).

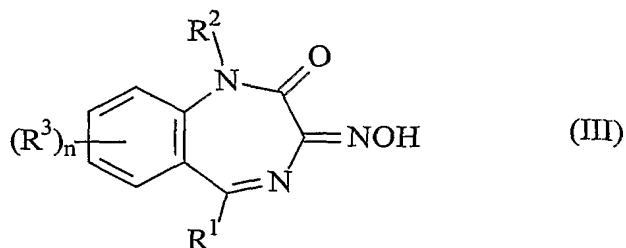
5. A process according to claim 4, wherein, in step (c), ----- XR^4 is an amine (-NH₂) which is converted to a 2-fluorophenylurea (-NHC(O)NH-(2F-Ph)) group.

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6. A process according to any one of the preceding claims which further comprises producing the racemic benzodiazepine derivative of formula (IIa) by a process which comprises:

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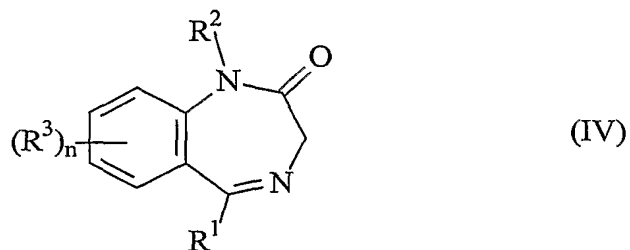
reducing a compound of formula (III):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and n are as defined in claim 1 using hydrogen gas and a reducing catalyst in an inert solvent, to produce the desired compound of formula (IIa).

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7. A process according to claim 6, which further comprises producing the compound of formula (III) as defined in claim 6 by treating a compound of formula (IV):



10 wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and n are as defined in claim 6, with isoamyl nitrite and a base in an inert solvent.

8. A process according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the bezodiazepine derivative of formula (I) is the R enantiomer or the S enantiomer of:

15 (a) one of the following:

- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-acetamide;
- 1,1-Diethyl-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-propionamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-butyramide;
- 20 N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-isobutyramide;
- 2,2-Dimethyl-N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-propionamide;

- Cyclopentanecarboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid 2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 5 3-Methoxy N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 4-Methoxy N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Methoxy N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-
- 10 benzamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- Thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-
- 15 benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-amide;
- Furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 20 Morpholine-4-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 4-Nitro- N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 3-Nitro- N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 4-Methyl-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid -(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-
- 25 benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 3,4-Dichloro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
- 30 4-Bromo-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

- 2-Methyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Chloro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 5 2-Nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Methoxy-4-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- (S)-2-Methoxy-4-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide
- 10 Benzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 2,3-Dihydro-benzofuran-5-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Isoxazole-5-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 15 Benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Thiophen-3-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 20 N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-isonicotinamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-nicotinamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-methanesulfonamide;
- Propane-1-sulfonic acid-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 25 Butane-1-sulfonic acid--(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 2-Bromo-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonamide;
- 30 3-Bromo-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-Bromo-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-Fluoro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 3-(2-Nitro-benzylamino)-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 3-(3-Nitro-benzylamino)-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 3-(4-Nitro-benzylamino)-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 3-(2-Methoxy-benzylamino)-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 3-(3-Methoxy-benzylamino)-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 10 5-Phenyl-3-(2-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 5-Phenyl-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- 5-Phenyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-
- 15 one;
- 3-[(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one;
- N-(7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-acetamide;
- N-(7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-isobutyramide;
- 20 N-(7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-methanesulfonamide;
- Furan-2-carboxylic acid (7-chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (7-chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-
- 25 benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- N-(7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-methoxy-benzamide;
- 30 N-(7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-4-methoxy-benzamide;

- N-(7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-nitrobenzamide;
- 2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-acetamide;
- 5 2-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-acetamide;
- 2-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-acetamide;
- 2-(4-Nitro-phenyl)N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-
- 10 acetamide;
- 2-(3-Nitro-phenyl)N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-acetamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acetamide;
- 15 N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acetamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acetamide;
- 1-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 20 1-(2-Nitro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 25 1-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-p-tolyl-urea;
- 1-(2-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 30 1-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;

- 4-Methanesulfonyl-2-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 5 5-Acetyl-2-ethoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 6-Fluoro-4H-benzo[1,3]dioxine-8-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 2-Methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide;
- 2,4,5-Trifluoro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 10 2-Hydroxy- N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 1H-Indole-7-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 15 3-Methoxy-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- N-[7-Chloro-5-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-3-yl]-4-methoxy-benzamide;
- 1-(2-Fluoro-benzyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 20 1-(4-Methoxy-benzyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(3-Methyl-benzyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 25 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-urea;
- 4-Chloro-2-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 4-Methoxy-3-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)benzamide;
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- 3-Methoxy-2-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 5-Chloro-2-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)benzamide;
- 5 5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Methoxy-4-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 5-Methoxy-2-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 10 3-Methoxy-4-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 3-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)propionamide;
- 15 3-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-propionamide;
- 3-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-propionamide;
- N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-2-methoxy-benzamide;
- 20 N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-4-methoxy-benzamide;
- N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-2-nitro-benzamide;
- 25 N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-4-nitro-benzamide;
- 4-Methoxy-N-[2-oxo-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-benzamide;
- 2-Methoxy-N-[2-oxo-5-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-benzamide;
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- 4-Methoxy-N-[2-oxo-5-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-benzamide;
- 2-Ethoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 5 2,4-Dimethoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Bromo-5-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Methoxy-N-[5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-benzamide
- 10 N-[5-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-4-nitro-benzamide;
- 2-Methoxy-N-(8-methyl-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 15 2-Chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2-Dimethylamino-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- (2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 20 1-(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-(4-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-urea;
- 25 1-(4-Bromo-2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(4-Bromo-benzyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2,3-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
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- 1-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2-Chloro-6-methyl-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 5 1-(4-Nitro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2-Methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 10 5-tert-Butyl-2-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2,5-Dimethoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 15 1-(2,6-Difluoro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 20 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-urea;
- 1-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 25 2-Methoxy-4-methylsulfanyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 4-Methanesulfonyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)terephthalamic acid methyl ester;
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- 2-Fluoro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 2,6-Difluoro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 5 N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-propoxybenzamide;
- 2-Iodo-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 3-Methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-terephthalamic acid methyl ester;
- 10 4-Amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-m-tolyl-urea;
- 2-Methylsulfanyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 15 2-Methoxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-5-sulfamoyl-benzamide;
- 2-Hydroxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-phenyl-propionamide
- 3-Hydroxy-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-phenyl-propionamide ;
- 20 3-(2-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-methyl-1-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 2-Methoxy-N-methyl-4-nitro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 25 1-tert-Butyl-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-Cycloheptyl-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-Ethyl-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 1-Butyl-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-urea;
- 4,5-Dimethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)amide;
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- Piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (7-chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)acetamide;
- 5 N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-isobutyramide;
- Furan-2-carboxylic acid [5-(3-chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- Thiophene-2-carboxylic acid [5-(3-chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- 10 Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid [5-(3chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- Piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [5-(3-chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- 15 N-[5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]isonicotinamide;
- 5-Methyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 20 N-[5-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-isobutyramide;
- Thiophene-2-carboxylic acid [5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- 25 Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid [5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- Piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
- Piperidine-4-carboxylic acid [5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]-amide;
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- Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (8-chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- Thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (8-methyl-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 5 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-thiophene-2-yl-urea;
- 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-thiophene-3-yl-urea;
- Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-
- 10 3-yl)-amide;
- 1H-Pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 6-Dimethylamino-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-nicotinamide;
- 15 2-Ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 9-Oxo-9H-fluorene-1-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 2-Oxo-2,3-dihydro-benzoimidazole-1-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-
- 20 1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- (2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;
- 4,5-Dibromo-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 25 Benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- (2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-carbamic acid methyl ester;
- (2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl
- 30 ester;

(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-carbamic acid isobutyl ester; and

2-Oxo-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-thiophene-2-yl-acetamide; or

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(b) one of the following or an N-oxide thereof:

6-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-nicotinamide;

3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,2']bipyridinyl-5'-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;

2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

2-Chloro-4-morpholin-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

15 2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-4-fluoro-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

5-Chloro-2-(1,1-dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-5-fluoro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

5-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;

5-Pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;

25 5-Piperidin-1-ylmethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;

5-Dimethylaminomethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;

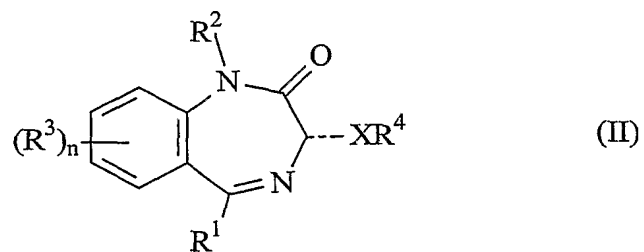
4-Fluoro-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-piperidin-1-yl-benzamide;

30 4-Fluoro-2-morpholino-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]

- diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
4-Cyano-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-benzamide;
4-Cyano-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-piperidine-
5 1-yl-benzamide;
N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide;
N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-piperidin-1-yl-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide;
10 2-Morpholin-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide;
N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-5-trifluoromethyl-benzamide;
2-Morpholin-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-5-
15 trifluoromethyl-benzamide;
2-Morpholin-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-nicotinamide;
2-(1,1-Dioxo-1 λ 6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-nicotinamide;
20 2-(1,1-Dioxo-1 λ 6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-3-methyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
2-(1,1-Dioxo-1 λ 6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-4-methyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
2-(1,1-Dioxo-1 λ 6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-6-methyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-
25 1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
2-Chloro-6-(1,1-dioxo-1 λ 6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
3-Cyclopropyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-1-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
30 3-(4-Methyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;

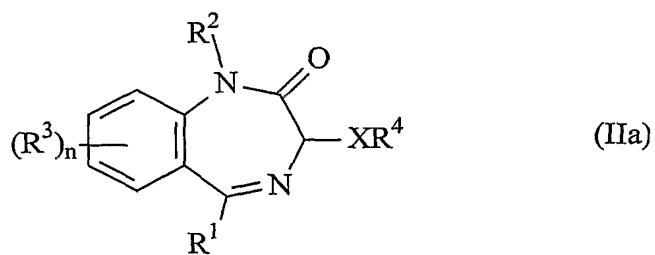
- 4-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-(piperidine-1-sulfonyl)-benzamide;
- 5 3-(Morpholine-4-sulfonyl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
5-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
5-Hydroxymethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-
- 10 benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
5-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-ylmethyl)-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
2-Chloro-4-(1,1-dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 15 2-Chloro-5-(1,1-dioxo-1λ6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
5-[(2-Methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-methyl-amino]-methyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
2-Pyridin-3-yl-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-
- 20 benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
2-Pyridin-4-yl-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
4-Methyl-2-pyrazin-2-yl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 25 2-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-furan-3-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
3-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
5-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-
- 30 1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;

- 3-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 5-Pyridin-2-yl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 5 2-Methyl-4-(morpholin-4-sulfonyl)-furan-3-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 6-Morpholin-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-nicotinamide;
- 3-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 10 5-Morpholin-4-ylmethyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide;
- 2-Morpholin-4-yl-N-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-benzamide;
- 15 5-Phenyl-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-amide; and
- 1-(2-Oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl)-3-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-urea.
- 20 9. A process according to claim 8, wherein the benzodiazepine derivative of formula (I) is the S enantiomer.
10. A process according to any one of the preceding claims which further comprises formulating the benzodiazepine derivative of formula (I) or a
- 25 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof into a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
11. A compound of formula (II):



wherein -----, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , n and X are as defined in claim 1.

12. A compound of formula (IIa):



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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , n and X are as defined in claim 1.